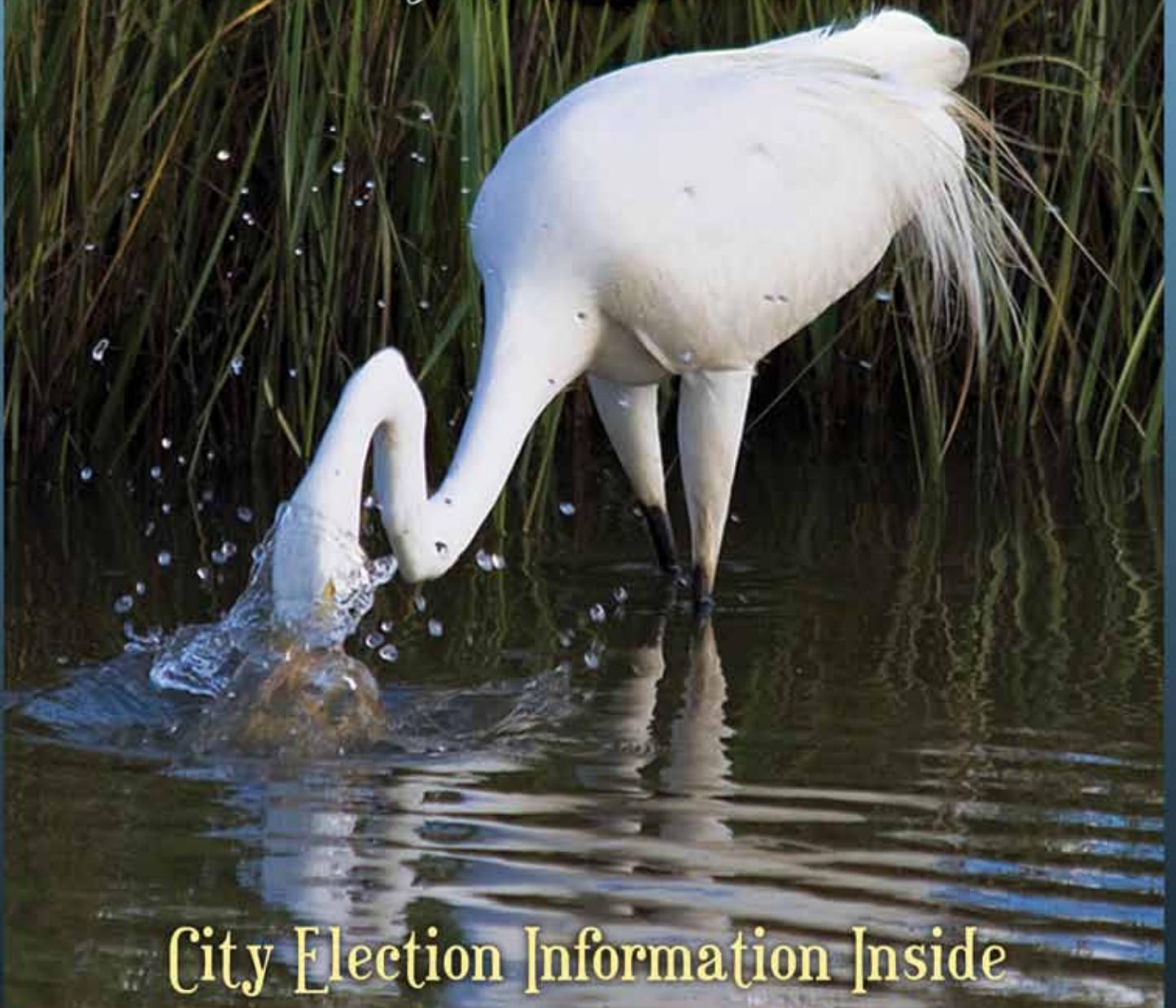
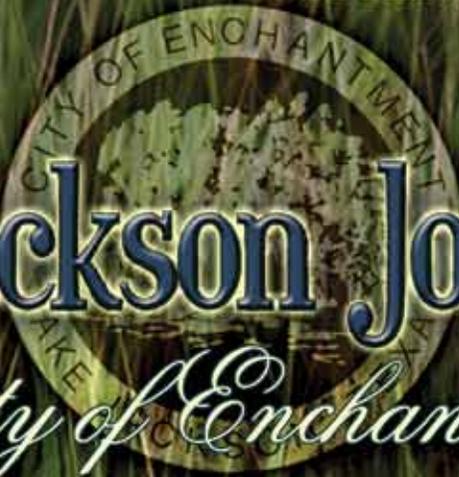


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A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

published by the City of Lake Jackson



The City of Enchantment
Greetings from the Mayor

Dear fellow citizens,

First, please allow me to say thank you for the opportunity to serve as your mayor the past 6 years. It has truly been a rewarding experience and because of the benefit of outstanding city councils, much I believe has been accomplished. What was the most difficult thing for me was not being able to meet all of the citizen's expectations all the time. There will always be diversity and actually that is a good thing. We must deal with it to the best of our abilities, and in the end you look to your city ordinances, city charter, state and federal law, and make decisions on what is right according to law. While this does not always satisfy everyone, it is the choice that is available. There are opportunities to change what we do not agree with sometimes. But, you must be involved to accomplish this. We have public meetings on issues that concern variances to our ordinances, however, these are vary rarely attended. Then after the fact, when people see the impact of the action they become quite critical. Ladies and gentlemen, please watch for these public meeting announcements, and know the issues, then be present to give us your input. You do make a difference.

My next thoughts are of each and every employee of the city of Lake Jackson. I had completed the draft of this letter, then read the thank you note in the Facts from Joyce Vernor. Thank you Joyce, as it could not be said better. From our exceptional leadership of Bill Yenne and Modesto Mundo, to our outstanding department directors, and through their efforts, our employees are much appreciated and dedicated to do their job extraordinary, and do! Then, I read Buddy Scott's column on miracle workers and how we can all be one. I believe each of our employees fall into that category, as they approach their job for the main purpose of serving our citizens. When we are faced with extra ordinary circumstances such as hurricanes flooding, etc., our people will be there to serve in the best possible way. Speaking of miracle workers, what better description is there than that for our volunteer fire department. Men and women who, as volunteers, go on a call never knowing the situation or potential outcome. These are people of special courage and love of their fellow citizen. Our police and EMS people are also miracle workers in my opinion. Again never being assured of the outcome, they go to work every day with the sole intent to serve and protect.

May God bless each and every city of Lake Jackson employee and their families? And may God bless all of our citizens. There are many exciting things coming to our great city, we are truly blessed. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve and represent you.

Sincerely,



Robert Sipple, Mayor

Lake Jackson Vision Statement

**It is the Vision of the City of Lake Jackson to create
an ideal community to live, work and play for all.**



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Directory

Phone Numbers

Emergency - Only!	911
(police, fire and ambulance)	
Police (Non-Emergency)	415-2700
Fire Marshall	415-2726
Fire Chief	415-2719
EMS Chief	415-2714
City Hall.	415-2400
Utility Billing	415-2434
Public Works	415-2430
Inspections	415-2432
Engineering	415-2413
City Manager/Administration.	415-2500
Civic Center.	415-2600
Recreation Center.	297-4533
Humane Center	415-2700
Regional Animal Shelter	285-2340
Municipal Court	297-1031
Library	415-2590

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Visit our Website at
www.lakejackson-tx.gov

Farewell to our retiring Mayor

Mayor Sipple has served 3 consecutive 2 year terms. The City Charter limits the term of mayor to 6 consecutive years. He will not be able to run for office again for 18 months. The City of Lake Jackson expresses its thanks to Mayor Sipple for his dedication and service to the City and its citizens.



Mayor Bob Sipple

Mayor Sipple was elected to City Council in May 2006 and was re-elected in 2008 and 2010.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In late May the Lake Jackson City Council will consider appointments of volunteers to serve on its various Boards and Commissions. Vacancies may or may not occur on the following boards:

- *Planning Commission* • *Traffic Commission* • *Parks & Recreation Board*
- *Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful* • *Library Board* • *Senior Citizen Commission*
- *Zoning Board of Adjustments* • *LJ Development Corporation*

Most of the Boards and Commissions meet once a month. If you would like more information, please contact Dixie Roberts, Asst. City Secretary at 415-2401, come by City Hall and pick up an application, or visit our Web Site at www.lakejackson-tx.gov. Electronic applications can be sent to droberts@lakejacksontx.gov. Please submit your applications as soon as possible.

Thank you to Volunteers....

BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Nick Giannone
Dr. John O'Leary
Fred Ortiz
Patricia Burow

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

John Ray
Gerald Roznovsky
Will Brooks
Diane Ragsdale
Jerry Hinijsa

DANGEROUS STRUCTURE DETERMINATION BOARD

Ed Harrington
Dr. Sue McCourt
Ben Torres
Melanie Calvin

HIKE & BIKE COMMITTEE

Brenda Colegrove
Gardner Campbell
Dave Jones
Terry Pearce
Bob Pratt
Ed Read

KEEP LAKE JACKSON

BEAUTIFUL
David Howarth
Sarah Castor
Amy Condon
Sujan Gulati

C.L. Hesselgesser
Darren Meritt
Shirley Ann Miller
Leonard Moore
Lori Sipple
Debby Soltész
Amy Tasto

LJ DEVELOPMENT

Bob Sipple*
Joe Rinehart **
Scott Schwertner **
Will Brooks
Gus Lindveit
Phyllis Saathoff

LIBRARY BOARD

Carol Bohley
Mary Meyers
Wendi Stewart
Mary Ellen Thomas

MUSEUM BOARD

Gayle Driskill
Carl Wolfe
Dolores Stovall
Harry Sargent
Bob Sipple*
Heather Melass **

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Keith Zimmerman
Kevin Cromwell
Bob Pratt

Gail Stoops
Rachel Seymour
Scott Vardeman
Jeff Ward

PLANNING COMMISSION

Cotton Tyler
Locke Sanders
Vicki Childress
Hennie Kriel
David Nicks
Harry Sargent

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION

Bob Lundahl
Thelma McDaniel
Sue Supak
Galen Dinning
Julie Geter
Margaret Janke
Mary Medrano
Elaine Najvar
Wilma Parkinson
John Rice
Tere Sandlin

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Greg Geter
Larry Rosenbohm
Mark Allen
Katie Ellet
Bob Nielsen
Barry R. Tidwell
Garrett Williams

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Chyna Bond
Daniel Brannan
Jake Brannan
Andrew Calhoun
Brittany Carleton
Kalena Caruthers
Austin Drinkard
Taylor Knapp
Elyse Lesco
Ayisha Mahama
Jacob Oldham
Megan Overman
Michelle Overman
Monica Overman
Austin Parrish
Mariah Roberts
Mackenzie Sanders
Jessica Varela
Kelly Weems
Vivian Jones +
Greg Pickering +
Lacey Strother +

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Jeremy Biggers
Keith Frank
Lisa Pauls
Susan Perry
Larry Taylor

* Mayor ** Council Member + Adult Advisor

Boards & Commissions Meeting Schedule



CITY COUNCIL

6:30 p.m. • 1st & 3rd Monday

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

(meets at police station)
6 p.m. • 2nd Monday

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION

(meets at civic center)
6:30 p.m. • 4th Monday

PLANNING COMMISSION

6:30 p.m. • 1st Tuesday

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

7 p.m. • 2nd Tuesday

KEEP LAKE JACKSON BEAUTIFUL

6 p.m. • 3rd Tuesday

LIBRARY BOARD

(meets at library)
5:15 p.m. • Quarterly - 3rd Tuesday

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

6:30 p.m. • 4th Tuesday

As Called:

- ◇ BOARD OF HEALTH
- ◇ HIKE & BIKE COMMITTEE
- ◇ LJ DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
- ◇ MUSEUM BOARD
- ◇ ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
- ◇ CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (Odd Years)
- ◇ DANGEROUS STRUCTURE DETERMINATION BOARD

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at Lake Jackson City Hall, 25 Oak Drive.

You are cordially invited to attend.

Check the City Calendar on our website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov for all City Council and Board and Commission agendas. Agendas are typically posted on Friday afternoon or at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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ITS OPEN!!! 288/332 Freeway Ribbon Cutting

After some 30 years of planning and now three years of construction the 288/332 freeway through Lake Jackson and Clute is finally done. The ribbon cutting opening the freeway was held on March 23, 2012 and the freeway was open to the public on March 24, 2012. The new freeway features two main lanes in each direction along with several overpasses at major intersections and 2 lane service roads in each direction. This freeway will improve safety by helping to separate heavy truck traffic servicing our large industrial facilities and the port from local traffic, which will likely use the feeder roads. The freeway will also help with hurricane evacuation of our area and eliminate the stop lights on the main lanes that slowed traffic down during past evacuations.



TxDot has done a commendable job on the construction and we are grateful to finally have this important project complete.

RECEIVE YOUR WATER BILL BY EMAIL

The City of Lake Jackson Water Department now has the ability to notify you by email when your utility bill is ready. After signing up for this service you will receive an email telling you that e-notification has been successfully set up on your account. When your statement is ready an email will be sent notifying you of a new bill. The email will show you the amount due and the due date. Currently we will continue to send the paper bill as well. In the future, we may give you the option to stop paper billing and just receive email notifications.

If you are interested in signing up for E-Notifications please complete the following form and return it to the water department.

 <h2 style="margin: 0;">CITY OF LAKE JACKSON</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Utility Bill EMAIL notification form</p>
Account Number:
Name on Account:
Service Address:
Phone Number:
EMAIL ADDRESS:
Signature:



Household Garbage

Residential garbage is picked up at the curb twice weekly. If you live **North** of Oyster Creek Drive, your household garbage is picked up on Monday and Thursday.

If you live **South** of Oyster Creek Drive, your household garbage is picked up on Tuesday and Friday.

Garbage must be placed on the curb no later than 8:00 am on the days of collection in order to ensure that it will be picked up. Please do not use a garbage can for household garbage - A sticker will be placed on the container and it will not be emptied. You can purchase garbage bags at City Hall for \$5.50 (roll of 50) bags above 35 gallons will not be picked up.

Recyclables

Co-mingled recyclables are picked up curbside once a week and always on the second day of your household garbage pickup. Please place recyclables at the curb no later than 8:00am in order to ensure it will be picked up. When placing the blue bags for collection, be sure to keep them separate from your household garbage.

The blue bags may be purchased at City Hall for \$5.50 (roll of 50) or your local grocery store.

Recyclables include: plastics (with the recyclable symbol #1 thru #7), aluminum and tin cans, clean paper and cardboard. Place newspapers in a separate paper bag or clear plastic grocery bag.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

The City of Lake Jackson will be flushing the fire hydrants on Monday, July 9th thru Thursday, July 12th and Monday, October 8th thru Thursday, October 11th. Beware that there may be brown water (resulting from buildup of naturally occurring iron) coming from the faucets. Please refrain from washing laundry that could possibly be stained. Be sure not to dry the clothing, as this could set the stains. You can use Iron Out which is available in stores for stain removal.

Heavy Trash

If your Household Garbage pickup is **Mon.** and **Thur.**, your Heavy Trash pickup begins the 1st and 3rd Monday.

If your Household Garbage pickup is **Tues.** and **Fri.**, your Heavy Trash pickup begins the 2nd and 4th Monday.

Please place your heavy trash on the curb no later than Monday at 8:00am of your corresponding Heavy Trash pickup week in order to ensure that it will be picked up during your designated week. City crews will only go through your area once during your assigned week. Please remember that when there is a 5th week in the month, there is no heavy trash pickup service.

The City will collect yard debris and normal household discarded furniture and appliances, such as refrigerators, washers, dryers (with doors removed or chained shut), sofas, chairs, beds, hot water heaters, and similar items.

Building materials, such as roofing shingles, concrete, brick and other construction debris will not be picked up. Please be sure to separate your yard debris from your normal household heavy trash. If your heavy trash exceeds 64 cubic feet of debris or 12 bags of leaves or grass clippings (approximately the size of the bed of a normal sized pickup truck) it will be considered an oversize load. A door hanger will be left at the residence with the cost to remove the debris and the phone number to schedule a pickup.

Please Don't Sweep Into the Street!!

When debris such as grass clippings or leaves is swept into the City streets it causes the drain ways to clog and also fills in the ditches. In the event of rain, this impairs the drainage process and causes the streets to flood. Following these simple guidelines can save extensive damage to your home and property from flooding. Please help keep your neighborhood and streets clean and your drain ways unclogged of yard clippings. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Public Works Department. City Ordinance Sec. 82-33.(b) states that "No person shall sweep into or deposit in any street or sidewalk the accumulation of yard refuse, clippings or litter from any building or property."

You now have the ability pay utility bill online. Visit the city website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov to make your payment.

Public Works



Mulch Site

Did you know that the mulch site takes yard debris and turns it into free mulch for Lake Jackson residents? Please bring your own hand tools and containers to assist in loading the mulch. Residents may pick-up mulch once per quarter simply by showing their driver's license to the attendant.

The following are items that may be brought to the mulch site for proper disposal: Food grade cooking oils, antifreeze, motor oil, tires and any recyclable material except glass and styrofoam.

If you prefer not to wait for curbside heavy trash/yard debris pickup on your designated week, you are welcome to drop it off at our Mulch site.



Please note: Household garbage nor construction/remodeling material will not be accepted.

THE MULCH SITE HOURS OF OPERATION

103 Canna Lane (next to Brazosport Memorial Hospital)
Tuesday - Friday 8:30am - 11:45am • 1:15pm - 4:30pm
Saturday 8:30am- 3:30pm • Closed Sunday & Monday

ATTENTION LANDSCAPERS AND TREE SERVICE CONTRACTORS



Section 82-68 of the City Code of Ordinances states that tree and shrubbery branches, limbs, and trimmings cut by landscapers or tree service contractors or other commercial workmen, or resulting from land being cleared shall not be collected by the City.

This debris must be removed by the contractor hired to perform the work. The commercial yard debris may be disposed of at the Mulch site for a fee of \$4.00 per cubic yard. Prior to disposing of the yard debris, the contractor will be required to stop by the Public Works Department and ensure that the landscape contractor is registered with the City (name/address/phone number and contact person). You will also be required to maintain a \$100.00 user fee, plus pay for any outstanding balance on your account prior to disposing of the yard debris.

PUBLIC WORKS - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Q: Who do I call to mark utility lines on my property?

A: You can call 811 or go to www.texas811.org.

Remember to call before you begin any project requiring digging. Contact 811 at least 2 working days before you begin excavation. They will need to know what is being done, as well as all necessary instructions to make sure the right area gets marked. You will be given a reference number that serves as proof of your call. They will also keep a complete record of your call to verify your compliance with the law. Facility operators will mark their underground lines, as they deem necessary, and you will be able to work safely without delay. The City of Lake Jackson Utility Department will locate your city water and sewer lines from the meter to the street. **Remember, know what's below..... call before you dig.** If you have any questions, feel free to call the Public Works desk.

Recreational Events



SPRING - SUMMER 2012 - AT THE RECREATION CENTER - LAKE JACKSON



Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center



At The Recreation Center - Lake Jackson in Studio 5. Schedule an appointment online at www.giveblood.org, enter sponsor code 0201, or Walk-ins are Welcome!

Tuesdays, 11:30am - 4:00pm

May 29, June 26, July 31 and August 28

South Texas Snow

At The Recreation Center from 3:00-5:30pm
Sno-cone Fridays, 3:00-5:30pm thru the summer



Day camp at The Recreation Center!

Join us for sports, group games, arts & crafts, swimming and field trips.

Date: Summer I June 4-July 6 (Mon-Fri)
Summer II July 9-August 10 (Mon-Fri)
Time: 9am-4pm* **Ages:** 6-12
Fee: \$140 per week per session for members
\$170 per week per session for non-members
*Extended hours available for an additional fee
Registration: Begins April 2.

Space is limited, so register early!

Summer Program Registration

Saturday, May 5, at The Recreation Center -
Lake Jackson, 8:00am - 1:00pm.

Sign up for Swim Lessons,
Summer Camps and
Summer Daze of Fun!



Battle of LJ Skate Competition

Saturday, June 23
3:00 - 9:00pm
at MacLean Skate Park



City of Lake Jackson JULY 4th Fireworks Display

Wednesday, July 4. Fireworks will be set off from Dunbar Park at dark. Gather your family to enjoy an amazing display of one of the area's largest fireworks presentations!

For information about Special Events,
call Michelle Parrish at The Recreation Center
(979)297-4533 or email mparrish@lakejacksontx.gov

YOUTH PROGRAMS & SUMMER CAMPS

Zumbatomic, SPCA Kritters and Kids Camp, Rockets Basketball Camp, Start Smart, TAAF Volleyball and more!

NEW Classes Coming SOON!

TRX Suspension Training,
PiYo™ & Hot Yoga



Rec. Center 297-4533

Monday thru Friday: 5:45 am - 9 pm
Saturday: 8 am - 6 pm • Sunday: 1 - 6 pm



American Red Cross Training Courses



Enroll in training courses TODAY at The Recreation Center and become a Certified Lifeguard through the American Red Cross.

Lifeguard Training

May 5-8 • Hours vary

Contact Sara at ssadler@lakejacksontx.gov for details.

Class Registration Deadlines are 5:00pm on Wednesday prior to session start date.

at THE OUTDOOR Summer POOL

OUTDOOR POOL SCHEDULE

Summer Opening Day: Saturday, May 26

Closing (Open for Weekends Only): Monday, August 20

Closing for End of Season: Tuesday, September 4

HOURS:

Monday – Saturday: 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

OUTDOOR POOL EVENT DAYS

Splash Day: Friday, June 1

Double Dip Day: Friday, June 22 & Friday, August 17

July 4th Celebration: Wednesday, July 4

Night at the Pool: Friday, July 20; 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

End of Summer Pizza Pool Party:

Monday, September 3

with Free
Pizza!!!



GET READY GOLF

This 6 week program is an introduction to golf and includes information on rules, etiquette, and the basic fundamentals of the golf swing.

Facility: The Recreation Center Racquetball Courts

Date: Tuesdays beginning April 3 **Time:** 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Fee: \$99/participant

GOLF FUNDAMENTALS & FITNESS

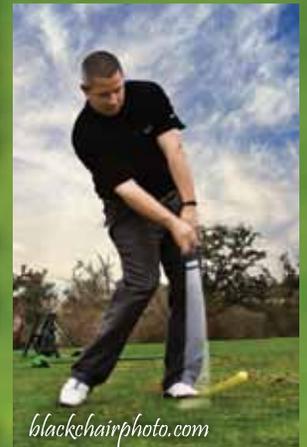
This 4 week program will cover the proper movements of the golf swing and how to improve your ability to perform these movements by strengthening the muscles used and improving your flexibility.

Facility: The Recreation Center Racquetball Courts

Date: Thursdays beginning April 5

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Fee: \$125/participant



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Junior Golf Camps 2012

Join in the fun this summer at The Wilderness Golf Club at Junior Golf Camp! The camp will cover basic golfing rules, instruction on short game, putting, chipping, bunker play, as well as full swing on the range. Range lessons will include full swing irons, fairway woods, and driver. The last day of the camp will be a golf match on the course which will include three holes of play. Each student receives a hat, backpack, shirt, and lunch each day after camp. Students can either bring their own clubs or they can borrow ours.

Facility: The Wilderness Golf Course

Date: Camp 1: June 11-14

Camp 2: July 9-12

Camp 3: July 30-August 2

Time: 9:00am - 12:00 noon

Age: 5 - 16

Fee: \$125/participant

For more information on these and other golf programs contact The Wilderness Golf Course at 979-297-4653 or visit www.thewildernessgc.com.



Seniors



The Lake Jackson Senior Citizens Commission upholds their mission of "making a difference in the life of every person who is 55 and older".

The Lake Jackson Senior Commission meets every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

You are invited to attend!

Keep Posted on Current Events

- Check our ad in Wednesdays' Facts
- Website at www.lakejackson-tx.gov
- Channel 16 TWC
- The LJ Civic Center

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT ON UTILITY BILLS

Seniors 65 and older are eligible for a discount on water bills.

To start receiving the discount bring proof of age to the utility billing department at City Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SENIORS COMMISSION MEETS

6:30 p.m. Mondays
April 23rd, May 21st
June 25th, July 23rd, Aug. 27th
and Sept. 24th

BINGO!

6 - 8 p.m. Tuesdays
June 19th and Sep. 25th
Dessert Contest. Prizes & Light Refreshments. Free Event

DISCUSSION GROUP

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Mondays
April 23rd, May 21st
June 25th, July 23rd
Aug. 27th and Sept. 24th
Donuts & coffee served.

COFFEE WITH A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Tuesdays
May 15th and August 21st

DINNER & SWING DANCE

6 - 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 8th
Music by the Brazoswood High School Jazz Band. Bring a dessert to share! \$8 per person. Tickets sold in advance at the Lake Jackson Civic Center.

FATHER'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

6 - 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 12th
Music by Lowell & Debi! Bring a dessert to share! \$8 per person.

PATRIOT'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

6 - 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11th
Music by Oscar & Anita! Bring a dessert to share! \$8 per person

Bridal Fair 2012

Hosted by
the Lake Jackson
Civic Center

Sunday, July 15
1pm-5pm

Decorators, Wedding Planners, Catering, Cakes & Candy, Floral, Photo/Videography, Entertainment, Formal Wear and much more information available to all future Brides!

Door Prizes & Refreshments!
Free to public!

LAKE JACKSON CIVIC CENTER PRESENTS

Spring Concert Series 2012

Lake Jackson Civic Center
Memorial Plaza

7PM-9PM

RAIN OR SHINE

BRING YOUR LAWNCHAIRS
& REFRESHMENTS

(NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE...)



FRIDAY, April 20

Americana Night!



Mike
Blakely



Woody
Eastman

FRIDAY, April 27

Dennis Davis Band



FRIDAY, May 4

Intercoastal Pirates

FRIDAY, May 11

Checkered Past



FRIDAY, May 18

Buck Yeager Band



For information, call (979) 415-2600
or go to www.lakejackson-tx.gov

LJ Historical Museum



UPCOMING EVENTS

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 1pm-4pm:

Alden Dow Office Museum Open. Admission by donation.
Located at 101 South Parking Place

Every 1st Saturday, 10am-6pm:

Abner Jackson Plantation Site Open. Admission by donation.
Located at the Park and Ride on FM 2004 (behind Target).

Sat., April, 14th 6pm: Ron Rozelle presents:

“My Boys and Girls Are in There:
The 1937 New London School Explosion.”

May 8th – June 24th: Enchanted Oak Witness
to History Essay Exhibit

Sat., May 12th, 1pm: Essay Contest Awards Ceremony.
School winners will be asked to read their essays for all to enjoy

Sat., May 19th 2pm: Origami Exhibit Opening

May 19th – July 1st: Origami Exhibit

Every Saturday, June – August 1pm:
SUMMER CLASSIC FILM SERIES.

JUNE

2-A Night at the Opera (1935)

9-Sabrina (1954)

16-Casablanca (1942)

23-An American In Paris (1951)

30-Double Indemnity (1944)

JULY

7-McLintock (1963)

14-Funny Face (1957)

21-Arsenic and Old Lace (1944)

28-The Little Princess (1939)

AUGUST

4-Sherlock Holmes: Dressed to Kill (1946)

11-The Band Wagon (1953)

18-The Bachelor and the Bobby Soxer (1947)

25- Flying Leathernecks (1951)

Sat. July 14th, 10am: Science Day

Sat., August 4th, 2pm: Native American Exhibit Opening

August 4th –September 30th: Native American Exhibit

Sat., September 22nd 10am-2pm: Living History Day

Sun., October 14th 1-4pm: Fall Bazaar.

Thur., October 25th 6pm-8pm: Haunted Happenings

The Lake Jackson Historical Museum, 249 Circle Way
Open Tues. – Sat. 10am – 4 pm and Sun. 1pm – 4pm
For tickets or information visit www.lakejacksonmuseum.org
or call 979-297-1570.



Summer Safety Reminders

Drivers, school is out or will be getting out soon. Watch for children playing outside, slow down around parks and in residential areas.

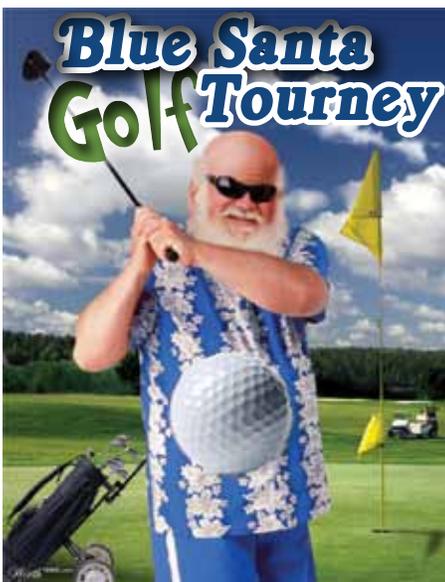
Be safe when swimming. Never jump or dive in pools, rivers or lakes until you make sure it is safe and deep enough. Be cautious in lakes and rivers for debris that might be submerged and out of sight.

CPA & YCPA

The Youth Citizen Police Academy will be held this summer, and The Adult Citizen Police Academy class start in September. Applications available at the Lake Jackson Police Department

Mark Your Calendars

National Night Out
Tuesday October 2.



The Blue Santa Golf Tournament
Monday October 8

BURGLAR PROOF YOUR HOME WHILE ON VACATION:

10 Quick Security Tips

- 1. Keep all doors and windows closed and securely fastened.** An open window or door is an open invitation for burglars. Thieves are also quick to spot weak locks that may be easily forced open. Doors should have deadbolt locks with a one inch throw and reinforced strike plate with three inch screws. All windows should have window locks.
- 2. Secure sliding glass doors.** Place a metal rod or piece of plywood in the track and install vertical bolts. These will help prevent burglars from forcing the door open or lifting it off the track.
- 3. Always lock the door to an attached garage.** Don't rely on your automatic garage door opener for security.
- 4. Create the illusion that you are home.** By using timers on lights, radios and TV's to make your residence appear occupied, even when no one is home, will deter criminals.
- 5. Keep the perimeter of your home well lit.** Installing low voltage outdoor lighting is a cost-effective way to discourage intruders, as well as highlight a house.
- 6. Never leave clues that you are away on a trip.** Have a trusted neighbor collect mail and newspapers while you are away so delivered items do not accumulate. You can also ask a neighbor to park in your driveway or parking place to make it appear that you are present.
- 7. Keep some shades up.** Partially open shades blinds, or curtains will maintain a normal, everyday appearance in your residence.
- 8. Never leave a message on your telephone answering machine telling people that you are away from home.** A message that you will return at a certain time leaves your home vulnerable in the interim.
- 9. Keep shrubbery trimmed away from entrances and walkways.** While large, ornate hedges may be beautiful, they also provide a hiding place for burglars who need only a minute to break in through a window or door.
- 10. Organize a community watch program to protect your neighborhood.** An alert community is a safe community.



The Citizen Police Academy



The Citizen Police Academy is a 30-hour block of instruction designed to give the public a working knowledge of the Lake Jackson Police Department. The course consists of a series of ten classes held each

Thursday night for three (3) hours. Each night a different topic will be covered by police personnel and supervisors assigned to the different units of the department.

In class we will be covering such diverse topics as training, communications, criminal investigation, and narcotics, with a particular emphasis on patrol, the area most often in contact with the public. Instruction will consist of lectures, demonstrations, tours, and hands-on-practice. Each participant will also be given the opportunity to ride with a patrol officer during an actual tour of duty. Chief Hromadka will be available at the first session and he or a member of his staff will be available throughout the course should participants need clarification or further information.

The slogan of the Lake Jackson Police Academy is "Better Understanding Through Education". The goal of the academy is to provide interested citizens with enough information to dispel suspicions and misconceptions about the police and to increase rapport between the department and the community through an educative process. We believe that officers will in turn become more aware of the public's feelings and concerns. Lastly, participants will have the opportunity to personally meet and talk with many officers through the department while providing our officers the chance to meet many concerned citizens representing a wide variety of community interests.



Young Citizen Police Academy

TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM

The Young Citizen Police Academy is a 4 day summer program of instruction designed to give the young citizen a working knowledge of the Lake Jackson Police Department. The course, free of charge, consists of a series of classes including graduation. Classes are 9:00am – 4:00pm, Monday thru Wednesday and 9:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday. Students will arrive at the Lake Jackson Police Department each morning and will be provided a complimentary lunch. Thursday is a graduation/luncheon. Parents are encouraged to attend. Students who have completed the seventh (7th) grade through seniors in high school may participate. Classes consist of a maximum of 15 young men and women. The students' input from class evaluations is used in structuring the contents of future classes in hopes that the course will continue to be improved each year.

The goal of the Academy is to provide the interested young citizen with enough information to dispel misconceptions they may have about Policing. This program is designed to increase rapport between the LJPD and the youth in our community through an educative process. We believe that our officers will, in turn, become more aware of our teens needs and concerns. Lastly, our teenagers will have the opportunity to personally meet and interact with many officers throughout the department. The slogan of the Young Citizen Police Academy is "Better Understanding Through Education."

Different topics will be covered each day by supervisors and staff assigned to the various units of the Police Department. The Academy will cover such diverse topics as police training, communications, gangs, family violence, juvenile issues, criminal investigation and narcotics, with particular emphasis on patrol functions. The Patrol Division most often comes in contact with teenagers. Instruction will consist of lectures, tours, demonstrations, role-play and hands-on practice. Students will have the opportunity to ride with a police officer during an actual tour of duty. Chief Hromadka and members of his staff will be available throughout the course, should students need clarification or further information.

We hope our graduates will take their new knowledge out into the community and educate other young people when opportunity arises.



Fire Safety Checklist

Use this checklist to help determine if you and your family are fire safe.

Every unchecked box points to a fire hazard.

Housekeeping Fire Safety

- Closets and attics are cleared of old rags, papers, mattresses, broken furniture and other combustible odds and ends.
- Used oily polishing rags or waste are placed in covered metal containers.
- Paint and varnish are stored in tightly covered containers away from sources of heat.
- Matches are kept out of reach of children.
- Child safety latches are installed on all drawers and cabinets containing harmful products.
- All cleaning products are kept in their original containers with the original labels.

Smoke Alarms

- Smoke alarms are checked and cleaned monthly.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed at least every six months, or as directed by manufacturer's recommendations.
- Smoke alarms are installed on every floor and outside all bedrooms, in all bedrooms
- Smoke alarm batteries are never removed without being replaced - under any circumstances.

Kitchen/Cooking Fire Safety

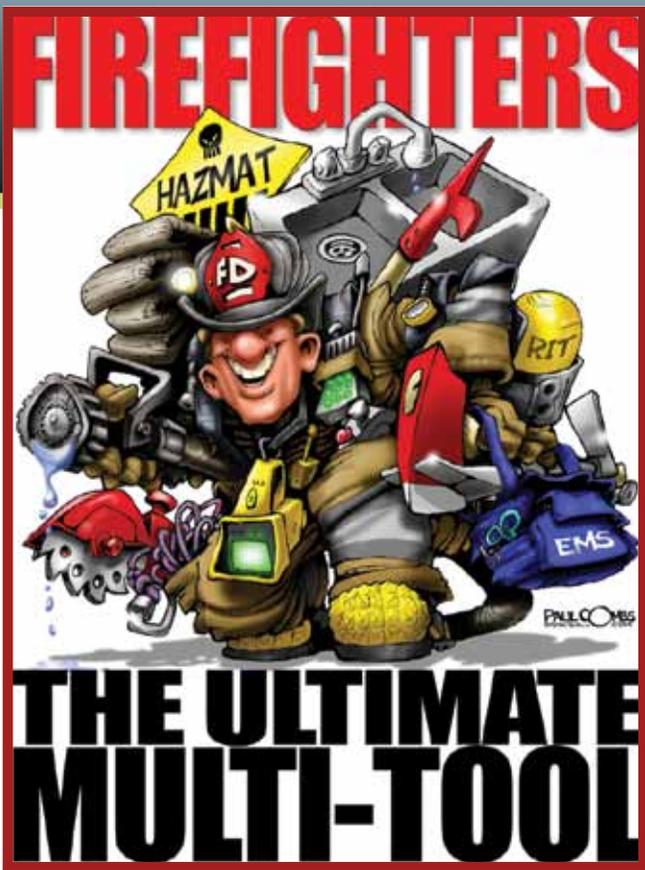
- A "safety area" is established in the kitchen to keep small children confined and away from hot surfaces, hot liquids and flames.
- Short or tight-fitting sleeves are worn during cooking as loose sleeves could catch fire easily.
- Appliances are allowed to cool before putting them away and cords are never wrapped around warm appliances.
- Only a thermostatically controlled electric deep fryer is used when deep fat frying.

- A tight fitting lid is kept nearby so it can be used to cover a pot if oil ignites.
- No food is left unattended while cooking.
- All paper and cloth materials are kept away from heat sources.
- Pot handles turned inward to prevent them from getting bumped or grabbed.
- Children are never being held while an adult is cooking.
- Exhaust filters are checked for dirt and grease build-up and the filters are cleaned regularly.
- Microwave safe dishes are always used in the microwave and metal is never used.
- Outlets and cords have been checked to make sure they are safe.
- Grease and food are cleaned off stove after every use.

Yard & Garage Fire Safety

- Yards are cleared of leaves, debris and combustibles.
- Surrounding properties that are vacant are cleared of weeds, dry leaves and rubbish.
- Mulch is at least a foot away from the house with a non-combustible barrier in between, such as rock.
- Gasoline for use in a power mower or out-board motor is stored in a strong, metal safety-type can with self-closing caps on the openings. 5 gals max. storage
- Garages attached to the house are separated by a tight-fitting door which is kept closed.





Your Fire Department Needs You!

If your home were to catch fire today who would put out that fire? For a vast majority of Americans the answer is, volunteers. The men and women responding will be the same people who are also your plumbers, chemical operators and bank tellers. According to the National Volunteer Fire Council in the United States there are just over 30,000 fire departments. Only 2,000 of these departments have a 100% full time paid staff. The remaining 28,000 fill their ranks with citizens donating their time. Unfortunately the number of people willing and/or able to join the local fire department is diminishing. Yet suburban communities continue to grow.

Why should I volunteer with the Fire Department?

Only the individual can truly know why he or she chooses to become a volunteer. There are many who will say because it feels good to help others. Some may say they like the excitement and the challenges they face. Others may say my father and grandfather volunteered..(Mothers too!) But only you, will really know why you want to volunteer. We encourage you to talk with our members and to consider volunteering with one of the longest volunteer traditions in the country.

Who is the LJVFD?

Lake Jackson Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of all volunteers, from the Fire Chief down to the newest member. We have 48 members running out of two fire station and operating 16 pieces of city equipment. We break down into three companies and respond to an average of 550 calls a year and conduct fire training every Wednesday night from 6pm-8pm. If you are interested in talking to someone about becoming a Lake Jackson Volunteer firefighter, come by Fire Station # 1 (Located at 10 oak Drive) or email the Fire Chief at firechief@lakejacksontx.gov.

THE CITY NEEDS YOU!

Thanks,

Mike Harper/Fire Chief

EMS

EMS MORE THAN A JOB.
A CALLING.



39th Annual National EMS Week

Lake Jackson EMS celebrates the 39th Annual Emergency Medical Service Week May 20th -26th. National EMS Week's 2012 theme is "EMS: More than a job. A calling". National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together our community and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line". Lake Jackson EMS will be hosting several events including:

- "Mr. Yuk" Poison Control classes at local schools.
- "Bike Rodeo" and "Spot-the-Tot"
Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
at Lake Jackson Fire Station #1.
- EMS Open House and Blood Drive:
Come tour the station and receive a free blood pressure check and blood sugar reading.
Wednesday, May 23 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- BLAST! Babysitter lessons and safety training courses, dates pending.

In addition to providing prompt, professional care to our community, Lake Jackson EMS has partnered with Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECIS) and is the premier provider of emergency medical continuing education and certification.

- Community First Aid, CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use
- First Responder Training
- Professional Rescuer CPR
- Blood-borne Pathogens
- Wilderness First Aid
- Oxygen administration
- Sports First Aid
- Fleet Driver Safety
- Healthcare Provider CPR
- Babysitter Lessons and Safety Training (BLAST!)



For more information visit
www.lakejacksonems.com



City Ordinances

The following ordinances were passed by City Council recently. For more information on these go to www.lakejackson-tx.org and check out the Code of Ordinance link or call the City Secretary's office at 415-2403.

Ordinance #	Ordinance Description
11-1957	Making the alley from This Way to Circle Way a two way alley
11-1958	Setting speed limit on SH288/332 Frontage Road to 45 mph
11-1959	Amending Ch 14 Buildings - habitable apartments
11-1960	Include cinerarium as a permitted use in the B-3 Institutional zone
11-1961	Calling runoff election for June 25, 2011
11-1962	Rezoning 679 W. Hwy 332 Stern and Stern
11-1963	Amend overnight parking ordinance
11-1964	Amend R-2 zone for lots platted prior to July 3, 1961
11-1965	Designate right turn only on Oyster Creek Drive at Dixie Drive from 6:30 am – 9:00 a.m.
11-1966	Adding an additional penalty for delinquent personal property taxes
11-1967	Rezoning tract at 655 Hwy 332 West which is a 6.466 tract of land out of a 42.829 acre tract in the S.F. Austin 5 League Grant, Abstract 19 and a tract of land at 499 Hwy 332 West, which is a 7.4069 acre tract out of a 1064.0725 acre tract of land from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-1 Commercial
11-1968	Rezoning 202 Acacia lot 1 block 8 Area G and 1.55 acres of former parkland located in the 100 block of N. Yaupon adjacent to lot 33, block 8, area G from R-2 Single Family to B-3 Institutions
11-1969	Adopt tax rate of .39 cents/\$100 assessed value for FY2011-2012
11-1970	Amending Chapter 95 Telecommunications allowing for public safety exemption for the lighting of telecommunications towers
11-1971	Authorizing the issuance of \$8,280,000 Limited Tax Refunding Bonds series 2011; a bond purchase agreement; a paying agent/registrar agreement; an escrow agreement;
11-1972	Amending Section 102.1 revising fees to be charged for water, sewer, garbage and dumpster services
11-1973	Amending Chapter 90 to allow entities with legal right to change or add physical improvements on tract of land to file plats and site plans
11-1974	Amending Chapter 18 businesses placing limitations on sexually oriented businesses
11-1975	Amend B-2 zone to allow accessory buildings as a conditional use
11-1976	Goods in transit
11-1977	Designating right turns on N. Yaupon at FM2004
11-1978	Approval of Industrial District contract
11-1979	Placing a stop sign on Gardenia @ Cypress
11-1980	Signs on vehicles
12-1981	Calling Officer Election for May 12, 2012
12-1982	Calling Charter Election for May 12, 2012



City Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed by City Council recently. For more information on these go to www.lakejackson-tx.org and check out the Code of Ordinance link or call the City Secretary's office at 415-2403.

Resolution #	Resolution Description
11-617	Canvass May 14, 2011 city election
11-618	Canvass June 25, 2011 runoff election
11-619	Energy Entex's cost of service adjustment filing denial
11-620	Decrease LJ Development Corp. fund balance by \$250,000 increase expenditures for golf course operating contingency fund by \$250,000 in the FY2010-FY2011 budget
11-621	Call budget public hearing for August 23, 2011
11-622	Nominating Dow Chemical for Triple Jumbo Enterprise Zone designation
11-623	Adopting FY 2011-2012 Budget
11-624	Establishing fund balance policies as required by GASB 54
11-625	Mutual aid law enforcement task forces to cooperate in criminal investigations and law enforcement
11-626	Amending FY 2010-2011 budget by \$35,000 for emergency sewer line repair at FM2004 and Dunbar Park
11-627	Nominate candidate for the Appraisal District Board
11-628	Approval of investment policy
11-629	Dow Enterprise Zone Amended Resolution
11-630	Support Brazosport Water Authority in Regional Water Study
11-631	Appointing HGAC representative and alternate
12-632	Year end budget transfers
12-633	Approving a 48 month golf cart equipment lease with EZ-GO through the TXMAS Purchasing Program not to exceed \$272,352.90 (Rescinded 3/5/12)
12-634	Approving 48 month golf cart equipment lease with EZ-GO through the TXMAS Purchasing Program not to exceed \$264,461.25 Lease #158055000
12-635	Approving 48 month golf cart equipment lease with EZ-GO through the TXMAS Purchasing Program not to exceed \$7,891.65 Lease #158069000
12-636	Budget amendment decrease Utility Capital Projects increase expenditures for Utility Capital Projects by \$128,000 for driveway and waterline repairs caused by 2011 drought.

★ City Elections ★

The 2012 General Election for the City of Lake Jackson will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

ELECTION DAY: Voting for all Lake Jackson Precincts will be at the Lake Jackson Civic Center from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

VOTE EARLY: April 30th - May 8th at the Lake Jackson Library. You may also vote at any of the other early voting locations – visit our website for locations.

ON THE BALLOT:

Mayor
City Council Positions 2 and 4
Charter Amendments

MAY 2012 BALLOT:

Mayor:

Bob Geter
Joe Rinehart

City Council Position 2:

Mike Cunningham
Will J. Brooks

City Council Position 4:

Scott Schwertner

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS:

Proposition No. 1

Shall the city's power of eminent domain be limited to the powers enumerated in the charter and the powers enumerated by state law and the Texas Constitution?

YES or NO

Proposition No. 2

Shall an ordinance, before final passage, be required to be read at two separate regular meetings of the city council as opposed to two separate days?

YES or NO

Proposition No. 3

Shall the chair of each of the boards and commissions created in the charter (Parks and Recreation Board, Beautification Commission, Traffic Commission, and Planning Commission) be allowed to cancel his or her board's or commission's meeting?

YES or NO

Proposition No. 4

Shall the regular municipal elections be held on a uniform election date as set out in state law?

YES or NO

Proposition No. 5

Shall officers of the city take the oaths or affirmations of office as set forth in the Texas Constitution before entering upon the duties of office?

YES or NO

Proposition No. 6

Shall the procedures for recall petitions be changed so that only the legally sufficient petitions are presented to city council and the legally insufficient petitions are returned to the persons who filed the petitions along with a list of the insufficiencies?

YES or NO

Proposition No. 7

Shall city council wait until after it is presented a legally sufficient recall petition to order a recall election?

YES or NO

Proposition No. 8

Shall the city follow the same review and presentation procedures for petitions for voter initiated legislation as it does for recall petitions (see Proposition No. 6)?

YES or NO

Proposition No. 9

Shall the budget be printed or otherwise reproduced and then filed with the city secretary and the Brazoria County county clerk?

YES or NO

Proposition No. 10

Shall the termination language of extensions of public utilities be clarified to state which section of the charter controls the reasons for termination?

YES or NO

cut along dotted line



CITY OF LAKE JACKSON
25 Oak Drive-Lake Jackson, TX 77566-5289
Telephone 415-2434 Fax 297-9804
AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN

Name on Your Utility Statement: _____

Utility Account Number: _____

Service Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Work Phone Number: _____

Financial Institution Name: _____

Financial Institution Address (City & State) _____

BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER TO BE CHARGED _____ CIRCLE ONE
checking/savings _____

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING!!!!

I authorize the City of Lake Jackson to begin deductions for my monthly utility bill with the financial institution named. Enrollment in the automatic payment plan may be discontinued any time by sending a request, in writing, to the City of Lake Jackson. My authority will remain in effect until revoked by my financial institution, the City of Lake Jackson, or myself. I understand that both my financial institution and the City of Lake Jackson have the right to terminate this payment plan or my participation therein. If I have two insufficient bank drafts within a year, the City will terminate my enrollment in bank drafting.

I understand that I will be responsible for the first bill that I receive after the City obtains my application. However if my bank is currently set up in the bank drafting program my automatic payment plan will be effective with my first bill. This bill will have a message at the bottom stating: BANK DRAFT-DO NOT PAY. PAYMENT WILL BE DRAFTED ON THE DUE DATE!

Signature (Must be authorized for the account listed above)

Date

WRITE "VOID" ACROSS CHECK AND TAPE HERE
(Please tape—DO NOT STAPLE)



City of Lake Jackson
25 Oak Drive
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

The City of Enchantment

Water Conservation Tips



In the Bathroom:

1. Take a five minute shower instead of a bath. *Amount saved: 15 gallons per shower*
2. Don't use toilets as a wastebasket, flush only when you need to. *Amount saved: 12 or more gallons per day*
3. When brushing teeth, use a glassful of water instead of running the tap. *Amount saved: 3 or more gallons per brushing.*
4. When taking a bath, don't run the water without closing the drain first. The warm water that comes after running the tap for a while will take care of that first cold burst of water.

In the Kitchen:

1. When washing dishes by hand, fill up the sink with soap and water instead of running the water the whole time. *Amount saved: 25 gallons per load*
2. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator when you want a drink instead of running the tap until the water cools. *Amount saved: 2 gallons per drink*
3. Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator, not under running tap water. Amount saved: 5 or more gallons per meal
4. Start a compost pile as an alternative to using a kitchen sink garbage disposal.

Outside around your home:

1. Water your lawn during the early morning hours when there are low temperatures and low winds. This reduces the amount of water you lose from evaporation.
2. Position your sprinklers to water only the lawn, not the sidewalk or street.
3. Don't waste water hosing down your driveway or sidewalk. *Amount saved: 25 gallons every five minutes not using hose*
4. Drive your car over your lawn when watering to save on watering it, or use a commercial car wash that recycles water.
5. Don't over water your lawn during the summer, as a general rule it only needs to be watered every 5-7 days during this time.

If you have questions regarding water conservation, please Contact David Ellis at 979-415-2680.

TUNE IN CHANNEL 16 The City of Lake Jackson has Cable Channel 16 to provide a variety of information. For questions concerning information on this channel, contact Kim Knapp at 979-415-2407.